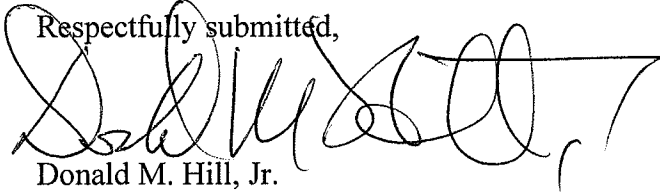


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. The specification has been amended to include headings in accordance with conventional U.S. practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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